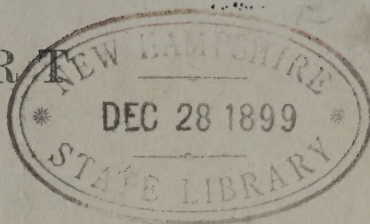


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REPORT



OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER

AND

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF KINGSTON, N. H.,

FOR

THE FISCAL YEAR 1873-4.

HAVERHILL :

DAILY BULLETIN STEAM PRINTING WORKS.

1874.

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R E P O R T

OF THE

SELECTMEN AND TREASURRE.

The Selectmen charge themselves with the sum of nine thousand two hundred and four dollars and sixty-three cents, \$9,204.63 derived from the following sources, viz:

Received of Samuel E. Woodman collector of taxes for 1872,	\$123 14
“ Amos Kimball, for 1871,	4 12
“ State Treas Rail Road tax,	152 55
“ Savings Bank,	34 33
“ Literary fund,	105 78
“ Bounty claims,	192 00
“ L. D. Towle, Treasurer for 1872,	106 61
“ Francis F. Dimond by giving note,	1,000 00
“ County Treas. to defray funeral charges of two county paupers,	27 00
“ John T. Clark, collector of taxes for 1873,	7,152 16
“ Interest on taxes,	31 19
“ As income from Town Farm grass,	84 75
“ Pasturage,	32 00
“ Rent, land and buildings,	100 00
“ One cow,	30 00
“ For use of Town Hall,	29 00
	\$9,204 63

Selectmen discharge themselves as follows, viz:—by paying arrearages of 1872.

Paid Charles Marseilles, printing reports,	\$25 00
Coupons Nos. 14 and 15,	6 81
L. D. Towle for putting boards and flag at W. G. Wilson's,	2 00
Dr. J. G. Gale for return of births,	50
Orlando Hunt, non-resident highway tax,	23 70
W. G. Wilson, in case of Ira Moody, small pox,	25 00
Abatement of Charles Hurd's poll tax,	1 68
“ George C. Woodbury's poll tax,	1 68
“ George F. Quimby's tax on horse 1872,	1 00
	\$87 37

DISCHARGE CONTINUED BY ACCOUNTS OF 1873.

Paid State tax,	\$1,686 00
County tax,	1,117 40
Abbie L. Rollins note and interest,	1,009 17
For record book,	4 40
New Hampshire Asylum for support of Moses A. Gale to August 8, 1873,	131 19
W. W. Merrill for fencing town farm,	5 00
For printing notices to sell town farm and grass,	2 75
	\$3,955 91
Paid for Hearse at Worcester,	\$500 00
Freight and expenses on same,	20 75
Lyman Goodell insurance on town buildings,	37 00
Eldridge G. Judkins for land to widen 'Stevens road' Dist. No. 1,	15 00
Edward Stevens road, Dist. No. 1,	5 00
Munroe Colcord for posts & labor around burying ground,	6 77
Samuel E. Woodman for services in trying to bring to jus- tice the persons who broke into house of Jane Plum- mer,	20 00
Samuel E. Woodman in Elmer C. Carter's case,	4 50
John Hoyt, Esq., in same case,	2 00
A. J. Cilley services as Town Clerk,	36 00
County Rockingham for boarding Moses A. Gale six mos.	78 00
W. G. Wilson and others in small pox cases of 1873,	25 00
Francis F. Dimond note and interest,	1,050 00
J. G. Gale, return of births,	1 00
T. O. Reynolds return of births and deaths,	3 75
" cleansing W. G. Wilson's house,	5 00
" medical attendance on Jere Johnson,	9 00
" " " on Joseph Tucker,	1 00
Paid Dr. Geo. W. Sanborn, return births and deaths,	\$2 00
" " one visit to Jos. Tucker,	1 00
" " six visits to child of Mrs. Eben Gale and cleansing house,	10 00
C. F. Pressey, for goods for Mrs. E. Gale	1 78
S. S. Collins, going with hearse 16 times	14 40
" " wood	1 74
Jere Webster, sawing wood at Town Hall	70
Geo. F. Quimby, for taking Mr. Hall to the lockup	1 25
John T. Clark, collecting \$7394 39 taxes and interest	112 90
	\$1,965 55
Paid R. L. Prescott, fare and expenses to Concord after Moses A. Gale and taking him to the County Asylum	\$6 00
for support of paupers off the farm, Stephen S. Webster	20 00
Support of Sylvia Winslow's child	12 00
" Jere Johnson	3 00
Clothing for Joseph Tucker	2 25
Abatement of tax on ten dogs	10 00
	\$53 25

SCHOOL MONEY.

Paid Prudential Committee Dist. No. 1,	\$176 31
District No. 2,	299 97
" 3,	244 87
" 4,	42 23
" 5,	147 79
" 6,	222 66
	\$1,133 83

PARSONAGE MONEY.

Paid Cong. Society,	\$99 86
Methodist Society,	78 94
Universalist Society,	57 08
Christian Advent Society,	22 83
Baptist Society,	21 88
Millennial Society,	11 40
First Freewill Baptist Society,	8 55
Second " "	11 20
	\$311 74

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Paid Daniel P. DeRochemont, non-resident, highway tax	32 06
Breaking roads	39 95
Bridge timber	6 72

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Paid B. F. Cram, non-resident, highway tax	12 52
Bridge timber	3 28
Breaking roads	7 90

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Paid John P. Davis, breaking roads	11 75
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DISTRICT NO. 3½.

Paid Daniel C. Bean, non-resident highway tax	43 40
Breaking roads	3 15

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Paid Samuel C. Colcord non-resident highway tax,	32 00
Breaking roads,	34 60

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Paid John S. Severance non-resident highway tax,	20 60
Breaking roads,	5 00

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Paid John T. Crosby non-resident highway tax,	\$111 40
Bridge timber,	10 18
Breaking roads,	60 84

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Paid E. C. Carter non-resident highway tax,	78 51
Breaking roads,	19 30

\$533 16

COUPONS PAID.

Paid Coupons No 16,	34 50
" No 17,	33 60
Stationery,	4 50
Funeral expenses (in part) of Caleb H Wilson who died of small pox,	16 50

FOR SHEEP KILLED BY DOGS.

Paid John T. Clark for two sheep,	10 00
Harriet B. Page for one sheep,	5 00

ABATEMENTS PAID.

Paid Poll tax of John Hunt,	1 95
John F. Crosby,	1 95
Joseph White,	1 95
John H Judkins,	1 95
Daniel Hartlett,	1 95
Larnard L Eastman,	1 95
Horace T. Grover,	1 95
Walter Flanders,	1 95
Daniel W. James,	1 95
Joseph Colby,	1 95
Frederick Cherry,	1 95
Paid over tax Levi B. Webster,	5 85
Geo Winslow,	3 90
Daniel C. Bean,	2 92
Daniel Dolton, non-resident,	1 95
Paid Poll tax, Charles H. Marsh,	1 95
" Joseph Robinson,	1 95
Alonzo Whitman over taxed,	9 75
Sarah E. Goodwin (twice taxed)	4 70
Osmond Spofford non-resident,	8 00
Phillip Whittier " over taxed,	59
	\$167 11

Paid W. W. Merrill for boarding Joseph Tucker one year,	\$182 00
John H. Martin taking care of Town Hall,	3 00
Amos Kimball services as Selectman,	60 00
Amos Kimball services as Treasurer,	25 00
R. L. Prescott services as Selectman,	50 00
" Making and recording taxes,	15 00
Services Sup. School Committee and posting notices,	28 00
Paul Hunt services as Selectman,	45 00
	\$434 94

NOTES PAID IN ADDITION TO THOSE GIVEN ABOVE.

Paid Charles E. Nichols note and interest,	265 00
Mary Sanborn's note and interest,	159 00
Town Bond No 40,	100 00

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN, MARCH 2, 1874.

Due on Town parsonage fund,	\$5,200 00
School Fund,	1,260 00
Town Bonds,	900 00
Sundry Notes,	477 00
Amount Dog tax,	63 00
Due Town on Collector's bond, 1865,	56 19
1868,	14 16
1871,	21 78
1872,	6 86
1873,	242 23
From Government Bounties,	800 00
From J. W. Prescott for grass,	13 25

RECAPITULATION.

The amount the Treasurer has received during the year to	
March 2, 1874,	\$9,204 63
Amount paid out by Treasurer,	9,139 92
Remaining in the Treasury,	64 71
Liabilities of the Town March 2, 1873,	8,073 82
Amount of Town Debt March 1, 1874,	6,680 32
Decrease of Town Debt, March 2, 1874,	1,393 00

AMOS KIMBALL,	}	SELECTMEN
R. L. PRESCOTT,		OF
PAUL HUNT,		KINGSTON.

The undersigned have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and proper vouchers for the same.

C. H. DEROCHEMONT,	}	AUDITORS.
CHAS. B. CLARK.		

R E P O R T

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

FELLOW-CITIZENS:

Whoever is enough interested in the Public Schools, to lend a helping hand, to appreciate the value of these schools and consider them of greater moment than merely places to send children to "get them out of the way":—finally to *all*, who desire to raise the standard of our Public Schools, is this report dedicated. I do not intend to go largely into detail, but I desire to give an impartial synopsis of our Schools and school property.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

J. H. S. SANBORN, Prudential Committee.

The school in this district beginning May 5, and closing June 28, and with a term of fourteen weeks, in Fall and Winter, was taught by Miss Sarah P. Webster of Chester. A lady of considerable experience in teaching, good qualifications, thorough in her mode of instruction, and apt to teach. She labored hard for her scholars. She became much attached to them; this attachment was reciprocated by her pupils in as much as a class of the older scholars, "*gave themselves away*," to their teacher at the close of the school. Length of school; Spring term, eight weeks; length of school, Fall and Winter, fourteen. Wages per month including board, \$30; whole number of scholars 23, average number of scholars 19. Studies attended to. Reading and spelling, written and oral exercises, Arithmetic, Algebra, Book-keeping, Grammar, and Geography. No. of visitors during the year, 47; names of scholars not absent one half day first term, Carrie Pillsbury, Abbie S. Sanborn, Laura F. Prescott, Grace Sanborn, Abbie Stevens, Frank Stevens.

Names of scholars not absent, Fall term, Nellie F. French, Elmer E. Sanborn, John J. Smith. Winter term, Nellie F. French, Laura F. Prescott, Elmer E. Sanborn, Charles Clay, Willie H. Smith, C. Herbert Prescott.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

JOHN P. MARSHALL, Prudential Committee.

The school in this district began April 28, closing July 3, Second term from Sept. 1, to Nov. 22; having a third term of eight weeks, and closing January 30, 1874. The school was under the tuition, of Miss Nellie M. Elkins, of Danville. I have interested myself in this school, as much as in any in town, being one of the largest and most advanced of schools within my jurisdiction. In the early part of the season, there appeared to be a want of co-operation with the teacher, without which, the best results can never be realized. But it affords me pleasure, to say as the school continued, everything pertaining to it, bore a promise of good results. Miss Elkins labored patiently and with fidelity to her school. In this school are some excellent classes in Reading, Spelling, Grammar and Arithmetic. Length of first term 10 weeks, second term 8 weeks, third term 8 weeks. Whole number scholars, 52; average attendance, 41; wages of teacher per month \$32.00; Number attending reading and spelling, 52, Penmanship, 24, Arithmetic 40, Grammar 20, Algebra 4, number of visitors for the year 70. Names of pupils not absent one half day first term, Lizzie Sanborn, Emma Marshall, Mary Prescott, Birdie W. Garland, Ida F. Prescott, Laura A. Sanborn, Elmer Shaw, Charles Robinson, Charles E. Shaw; second term, Charles Shaw, Charles Robinson. Names of those not absent, while members of the school, viz:—Clara Hayes, Mary Prescott, Ida Prescott, Charles Rogers. Third term viz: Nat. W. Garland, Arthur Marshall, Willie Garland, Charles Shaw, Elmer Shaw, Edith Judkins, Lizzie Robinson, Birdie Garland, Mary Prescott, Hattie N. Shaw, Ida F. Prescott. The last three entered school the third week

DISTRICT NO. 3.

SAMUEL C. COLCORD, Prudential Committee.

The Spring terms commencing, I think, the last of April, continuing ten weeks, and a term of sixteen weeks closing Dec. 19, were taught by Miss Susan F. Goodwin of Kingston, and resident of the district. Four terms, Miss Goodwin has had charge of this school, and as a disciplinarian she has no rival. Her pupils are quiet to and from school. And certainly, in school, order is exacted to punctiliousness. The scholars made good advancement in their various studies. Vocal music was practiced here, and to some extent, in every school in town. "Mamie Towle" resides in this district, and no wonder that, "there is music in the air?" Length of first term, 10 weeks; length of second term, 16 weeks. Wages per month including board, \$30.00; whole number scholars first term, 47; average number, 30.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Is known as "union district," being joined to a "neighborly" district in Newton, to which Kingston annually pays rising forty dollars, and not a single scholar I have been told, attending this school from Kingston. I do not censure Newton, for taking this yearly "clip,"; but Kingston *"is generous to a fault."*

DISTRICT NO. 5.

COL. SAMUEL P. WINSLOW, Prudential Committee.

The Spring term of eight weeks, was taught by Miss Clara L. Foy of North Andover, Mass. This was Miss Foy's first attempt at teaching. She was well qualified to teach, but wanting in general management. A knowledge of human nature is needed, also, to insure a placid journey of only eight weeks of school teaching. At the closing examination the school-room gave unmistakable signs of interest for the school. The walls, windows and every available spot, were decked with roses, evergreens and lilies. Miss Foy reports the names of the following pupils, not absent one half day. Ira Webster, Melvin Stickney, John Webster, Porter Webster, U. S. Page, Porter George, Charles Silloway, Mary Goodwin, Flora Webster, Sarah Winslow, Lilla Kimball, Fannie Silloway, Mary Davis, Ada Webster, Olive Davis, Mary Fifield, Addie Davis, Mary Cheney. Whole number attending Spring term, 50; average number, 41; number of visits by citizens, 36; Prudential Committee, 1; number attending to Spelling, 26; Reading, 49; Writing, 25; Arithmetic, 28; Grammar, 3; Geography, 15; Composition, 25.

Fall term commencing Sept. 8, and ending Nov. 14, was taught by Miss Mattie Scribner of Raymond, who has earned an enviable reputation as teacher in different parts of our county. Thorough in her mode of teaching fundamentals, an exercise in the sounds of vowels and consonants by the school at the close was excellent. There are some very good scholars in this school. I have been conversant with this school these twenty years. A few most excellent teachers have gone from it, to teach, but the number is *too small*; they leave school too soon. Scholars at first term; visitors at second term. Parents and others in the district manifest considerable interest in the school and give their presence at all examinations, yet, the scholars are allowed to leave school too young. Wages of teacher per. month, including board, \$30.00. Whole number of scholars, 49; average number, 41; Instances of tardiness, 3; visits Prudential Committee, 1; visits citizens, 7; number attending to Reading and Spelling, 47; Penmanship, 28; Arithmetic, 31; Grammar, 6; Geography, 15; Composition, 1; Names of scholars not absent one-half day, Mary E. Nason, Sarah Winslow, Mary E. Fifield, Lilla E. Kimball, John L. Webster, John G. French.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

WILLIAM C. WEBSTER, Prudential Committee.

Miss Helen F. Merrill of Chester, who taught the school in this district during Spring and Fall terms, is a lady whose reputation as a teacher is well established, having taught six terms in district number 5 and 6, and I think a few terms in other places. Her work in school is thoroughly done. Wherever she is called to teach, Miss Merrill will give good satisfaction. Length of Spring term eleven weeks. Wages per month including board, \$30.00; whole number of scholars, 32; average attendance, 25; Instances of tardiness, 7; dismissal, 0. Names of scholars not absent one-half day, Emma L. Martin, Maria F. Goodwin, Ida M. Collins, Ada Crosby, George E. Martin, George W. Bartlett, Charles Crosby, Everett H. Kelly. Length of Fall term twelve weeks. Wages per month, \$30.00. Whole number of scholars, 30; average number of scholars, 22; Instances of tardiness, 13; Instances of dismissal, 0; number of visits by S. S. Committee both terms, 4; other citizens both terms, 33; number attending to Reading and Spelling, 32; Penmanship, 20; Arithmetic, 21; Grammar, 4; Geography, 11; Composition, 4. Vocal music to some extent was practiced in school. Names of scholars not absent one-half day Maria F. Goodwin, Albert S. Webster, Everett H. Kelly. Number of instances of tardiness during the year, 58; dismissal during the year, 66; visits by citizens, 53; number of scholars attending to Reading and Spelling, 47; Penmanship, 31; Arithmetic, 32; Grammar, 11; Geography, 22; Algebra, 3; Book-keeping, 2; Composition, 8;. Names of scholars not absent one-half day first term, Frank Abrams, Charles H. Peirce; Second term, Sarah A. French, Abbie J. Gale, Mary L. Rogers, Lizzie E. Sanborn, Nellie J. Webster, Carrie B. Pierce, Frank Abrams, Perrin W. Nichols, Frank G. Tucker, Charles H. Peirce.

GENERAL REMARKS.

School Houses. School house in District No. 2, is unfit for use in cold weather. Should be repaired at once. Nos. 3 and 5 good buildings. Number 6, School house was built of broken granite, in 1846, and had the foundation been good, it would not now be breaking in pieces. It is not now suitable for school purposes during cold weather. The inhabitants of this district intend, soon to raze the old house, and erect a good one.

The School House in Dist. No. 1, is the oldest in town, yet it is in very good repair, but not "up with the times."

APPARATUS.

Visit the farms, the shop of the mechanic, the grocer, the billiard hall, and if you like, the dealer in "*Tom and Jerry*," and at

all these places of business, we shall find "apparatus" in abundance. But in all the school houses in town, not ten cents worth.

Your Committee has made twenty-two visits of one-half day each, to the schools, collectively.

TEXT BOOKS.

Bible, Sargent's and Hilliard's readers and spellers; Arithmetics, Greenleaf's mental, Common School and National; Weld. and Quackenbos' Grammar, Robinson's Algebra, Quackenbos' U. S. History, Cornell's Geographies, Mahew's Book keeping.

During my visits to the several schools, the greatest kindness, by parents, teachers and scholars, was shown me, for which they will please accept my sincere acknowledgements.

Respectfully submitted,

R. L. PRESCOTT,

Superintending School Committee.

The school at Kingston Academy, which is in charge of Prof. A. H. Campbell, is in a flourishing condition. Students from abroad may feel certain of finding here a school, second to no other of its rank.